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WHAT A VIEW -- The McColl dumpsite in Fullerton is the backyard scene for many homes. There has been much controversy about what is happening to the air and water in the area. (photo by Gregg Griswold)

Toxic waste: Threat to residents

by Ty Wivell
Staff Writer

An estimated 40,000 tons of surfacing chemical compound in nearby Fullerton has aroused the concern of local citizens, environmental coalitions and the government, creating a political stranglehold that demands immediate action.

Toxic waste buried from 1942 to 1946 at the McColl dump site in Fullerton contains chemical substances that have oozed out, threatening to contaminate drinking water supplied to the community.

While the water is of concern, the greatest health hazard is direct contact with the acidic compounds rising to the surface.

In an attempt to create a solution to what is now a nationwide problem, Congress passed a \$1.6 billion "Superfund" on Dec. 3 to clean up and properly dispose of such chemical waste as that found at McColl.

Chemical industries have been assessed 86 percent of the new taxes to make up the fund, while the other 14 percent will come from general tax revenue.

Yet, "Superfund" seems to fall flat on its face since the chemical clean-up money will be created over a five-year period while the problem is of immediate concern.

Regardless of such delayed action, "Superfund" is a step forward that almost wasn't.

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SANTA ANA COLLEGE

Replacement for Taylor to be decided by Board

by Lisa Redfield
News Editor

With the death last week of Ed S. Taylor, one of the Rancho Santiago Community College District Board of Trustees' original members, a vacancy has been created.

"He'll be hard to replace," said Board President John Dowden. "Ed was always calm, reflective, understanding, just super. When a decision had to be made, he would withhold judgment and weigh the evidence, and often we would end up turning to him for advice."

The trustees must make a decision on what to do very soon. They have two options. One is to appoint someone to fill in the rest of Taylor's term, the second is to hold a special election. Whichever route the board chose at last Wednesday's meeting, the person will serve until November of 1981.

Dowden would prefer to have an appointment made because of the cost of an election. "We must do this very soon since we only

have 30 days to do it," he explained. A press release has been sent out to inform the public of the vacancy.

A special election will have to be held if no one is selected by the end of the month. "It will be called by the County School Superintendent. We really don't want to do it because the district would have to pay for the entire cost instead of dividing it," the board president expounded.

Taylor represented parts of Garden Grove, Orange and Santa Ana with the borders being Euclid, Cambridge, Chapman and a tough to define "squiggly" line according to Dowden.

The decision is entirely up to the trustees. "This is strictly a board process," said SAC President Bill Wenrich. "I will provide as much support as I can."

Board Clerk Carol Enos and member Rudy Montejano have been appointed to check out all that the board is required to do and make recommendations to

the trustees at the meeting Dec. 10.

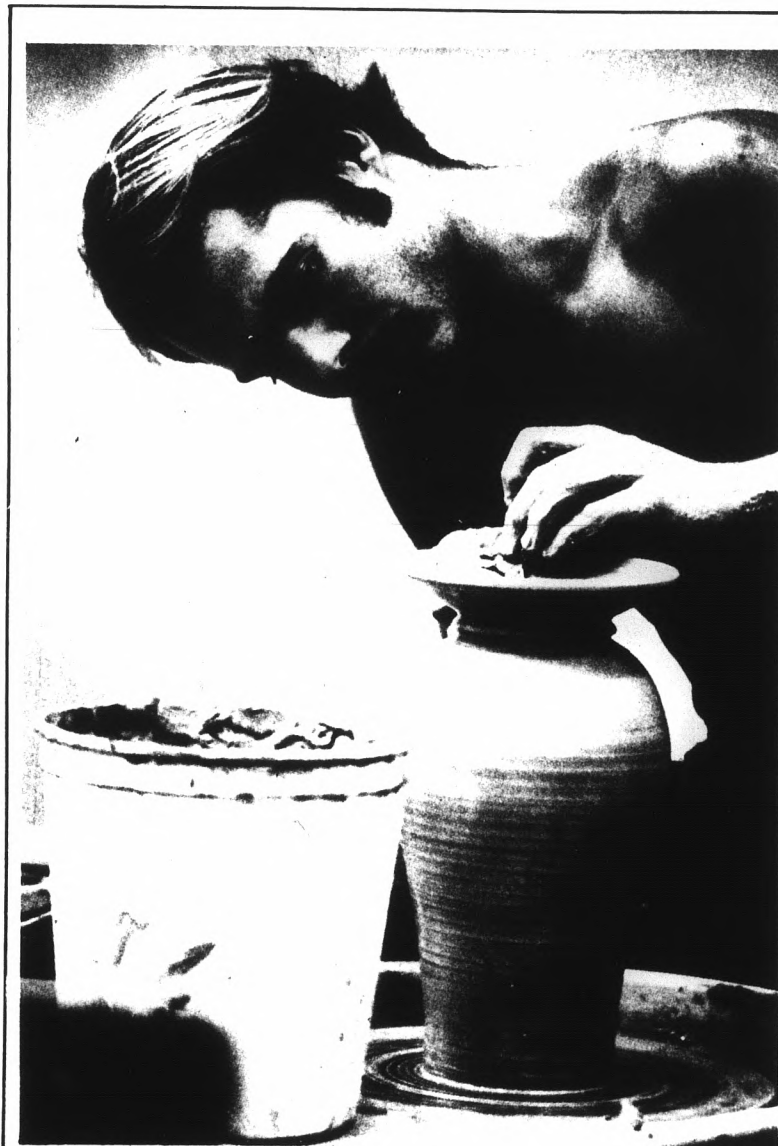
Tentatively the board will take applications for the positions until Dec. 17, review them and take a vote at a special board meeting possibly Dec. 22, although, that decision will not be made until the trustees vote on it.

Speaking personally, Enos said, "I am looking for someone with a proven interest in the community (to replace Taylor). We should look for a person with no problems with decision making, someone with a good heart and who is intelligent."

Replacing Taylor could be hard. All the members interviewed spoke highly of him and his courage.

"Ed's courage and sense of humor inspired me over the last several years," Enos said. "He was more than just a member of the board, he was a friend."

The next board member has quite a space to fill.



THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME -- Art student Mark Pecor finishes a vase for SAC's Faculty and Student Holiday Art Sale. Drawings, prints, paintings, pottery and photographs will be among the art items marketed at the two-day event to be held Tuesday and Wednesday, December 16 and 17 in the Humanities Building. (photo by Mike Schwartz)

Games or speakers -- What does SAC want?

by Kurt Schauppner

Are the students of this school being shortchanged in the area of organized activities and renowned guest lectures?

Do they deserve, or even want more than the silly, often sophomoric, (and in the opinion of some) occasionally cruel games like the recent goldfish-eating contest brought to them by their own government?

Is the student government of Santa Ana College sacrificing the students' needs in favor of their wants?

The opinions vary widely, and rumors are easily started, so it is important that you ask the right people.

When Don McCain, associate dean of Students/Activities/Community Services, was asked why there aren't more speakers brought on campus he

immediately listed such notables who have made appearances in recent years as John Dean, Cesar Chavez, Tom Hayden, Jerry Brown and Bill Cosby.

What he failed to mention was that these speakers appeared over a span of at least seven years, that many were brought on not by student government, but by individual clubs and that some invited themselves.

McCain went on to say that there were three basic problems holding up a major speakers program -- lack of facilities, lack of ASB or other funding and lack of student interest based on past experiences. Cook Gym does not lend itself to the atmosphere required of a serious political speaker; it is impossible to regulate ticket sales at the amphitheatre; and Phillips Hall (capacity 500) is simply not big enough to be profitable, McCain

said. As Darlene Jacobson, coordinator of Student/Activities/Community Services, put it, "Why put on a show of intellect.... when the students are not interested?"

"You can't say goldfish and caviar contests are the only things we do," Jacobson also said, after which she mentioned record-breaking crowds at ASB-sponsored concerts and barbecues.

When Mike Shannon, a leading senator, was asked to comment, he stated that there was "no reason why we can't" promote speakers in cooperation with a specific group or club.

He added, however, that "apathy around campus is pretty bad," and even brought up the now defunct homecoming dance, "why spend \$500 to \$1,000 for 50 people?"

Apathy is not a new problem

either. It marred a 1973 visit by Will Rogers, Jr. and climaxed in a turnout of only 873 for a concert by Bill Cosby that same year.

An *el Don* commentary (Poor turnout for Cosby climaxes student apathy) written soon after the Cosby concert of Dec. 9, 1973, blamed student apathy, bad publicity and poor planning for the fiasco.

It was the BSU (Black Students Union) who brought Cosby in with the help of a \$10,000 loan from ASSAC. Though they (BSU) hoped to bring in \$22,000, they were only able to raise \$3,662.

The question of the validity of certain student activities in a college environment was brought up almost solely because of the now infamous goldfish swallowing contest held during recent Homecoming Weeks.

Shannon replied that though he can understand how some people

feel that such a thing might be wrong, he saw nothing immoral about it.

Nearly all of those who were asked brought up the feeder-fish theory. McCain went so far as to say that since they (the organizers) brought in 2,000 fish, out of which 500 were killed, that they "saved" 1,500 fish.

Most of those in student government interviewed claimed that it would not be possible for them to change their way of thinking every time they were criticized.

Shannon claimed that, "All you can really do is please the majority of the people."

But while SAC students were debating about goldfish, Cypress College hosted Jane Fonda speaking on Toxic Waste while UC Irvine invited Gore Vidal to talk on the state of American politics.

El Salvador: Revolution or Death

by Lisa Redfield
News Editor

Last week three American nuns and a missionary from the United States were murdered in El Salvador.

Aid to that country from the United States has been halted.

Archbishop Oscar Romero was assassinated last March and his funeral sparked a massacre on the cathedral steps.

These events are part of an on going revolution not only in that small Central American country but throughout all of Latin America. So far this year over 8,500 have died in El Salvador alone.

To better understand the gravity of the situation, Santa Ana College's Associated Latin-American Students (ALAS) Club sponsored the film **El Salvador: Revolution or Death** on campus last Tuesday. Roland Campos, a native of El Salvador and member of the Frente Democratico Revolucionario (Democratic Revolutionary Front), introduced the movie which depicted many of the killings and atrocities allegedly inflicted on the people by the ruling military Junta.

According to Campos, "The

U.S. endorses the Junta which consists of the military members and it is they (the military) who are the main cause of the trouble."

The movie, produced by independent filmmakers from the Netherlands, explained the struggles of the lower class to get their fair share of the land now owned by the 14 ruling families that have backed the Junta since it overthrew Gen. Carlos Humberto Romero in October, 1979.

In the 1960s there was an attempt at reform in El Salvador, but Jorge Nanni, president of ALAS, said, "That only got to the surface and did not get to the root of the problems."

Bahram Maleki, the club's advisor, added "It's an example of what's happening throughout South America. People have been living in poverty and that's why they are rising up against the government."

Maleki also said that the lower classes have been exploited by internal and external groups. "They are looking to set up a democracy and the people are now cooperating to defeat communism and fascism and want freedom to decide for themselves." He went on to say that the right-

wing Junta does not want to give up that control.

Campos blames El Salvador's government for the killing of the nuns. They were working with the refugees and "trying to help the people. They were seen as subversives and that's why they were murdered."

He pointed out that the Junta would commit acts like this, but go under the name of a terrorist group.

The government had done the same sort of thing during the Romero funeral when masses of people died. According to the movie, the day after the funeral the government held a press conference denying involvement and said that the Army had been confined to barracks to prevent such a thing.

When dealing with extremist groups, they were "firm but fair," government officials said.

El Salvador is ruled by an oligarchy and the people are pushing for a change. Many of the small groups formed by the people have banded together under the name of the Frente Democratico Revolucionario, according to the movie.

The United States has stopped aid to the government, but Campos pointed out "That happened in Nicaragua, and it didn't mean a thing."

Meanwhile, the killings go on as shown on U.S. TV

News briefs

Forensics places third

"I'm so proud of them. They did so well," Mary Lewis exclaimed about the SAC Forensics when they placed third out of 19 schools competing in the PSCFA (Pacific Southwest Collegiate Forensics Association) Championship held in Pomona last weekend.

Winning in the separate categories were Dave McAvoy, second place trophy and excellent certificate in Novice Oral Interpretation; Connie Dacus, third place trophy and superior certificate in Junior Oral Interpretation; Dacus and Colleen Spann, third place trophy and superior certificate in Junior/Senior Duo Interpretation; Carol Henson and Cliff Stevens, third place trophy in National Debate Topic Team Debate; Henson, fourth place trophy and excellent certificate for Junior/Senior Extemporaneous; and Mark Hawkins and Cecilia Garduno, fourth place trophy and superior certificate for Novice Duo Interpretation.

Superior certificates also went to Phil Lisa for Oral Impromptu and Martin Spann for Junior Impromptu. Excellent certificates went to Hawkins for Junior Oral Interpretation, Lisa and Martin Spann for Junior/Senior Duo Extemporaneous and Colleen Spann for Junior Oral Interpretation.

Taylor remembered Monday

A memorial service will be held for Ed S. Taylor, one of the original members and current vice-president of the district's Board of Trustees, Monday, Dec. 15 at 12:30 p.m. in Phillips Hall.

Taylor died Dec. 1 after a three-and-a-half year battle with cancer. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made in Taylor's name to a scholarship fund at the college.

All inquiries may be directed to the Office of Public Affairs, 667-3385.

Club schedules pot luck

Anyone interested in joining the Collegiate Christian Club is invited to a Christmas Pot Luck Thursday, Dec. 18, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the snack bar extension trailer.

Those attending are encouraged to bring a main dish. Fellowship and music will also be part of the get-together.

Concert set for Tuesday

In honor of Christmas and Beethoven's birthday, the SAC Chamber Ensemble and Applied Music Students will perform Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 12:30 p.m. in Phillips Hall.

Director Carolyn Verleur invites the public to attend.

Senate elections begins Monday

Elections for the second semester ASB senators will be held Dec. 15 - 17 with the polls open 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 to 9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday and 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

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Scholarship winner cries foul

by Tom Cooper
Editorial Copy Editor

First of two parts.

"The way this goes, it's like the Soroptimists are giving welfare a scholarship."

That's how SAC medical assistant major Sher Sowles describes her conflict with the welfare department that has arisen because of the \$400 Soroptimist Foundation scholarship she may accept in January.

May accept? According to Sowles, if she takes the money, it may cost her twice as much in government benefits that she presently receives through the Social Services program.

"Like an honest little girl that I'm supposed to be, I reported it to welfare," Sowles commented. She says that the \$400 will be counted against her food stamps and cash grant, which "takes away my chance to finish school."

Sowles, a divorced mother of two, said that the \$400 will be

deducted from the cash grant she receives -- at what time and in what amounts she didn't know -- and returned when she furnishes the welfare people with receipts that

prove the money was spent on college related expenses.

"Receiving unearned income is counted against your food stamps," Sowles reported. "It looks as though it may be counted against my cash grant as well, which means I could lose twice as much as I was originally awarded."

"I've made it this far in school because I've been saving and planning this for eight years. They're taking away my chance to finish school. If they use it against my food stamps then I have no money for food, and if I use the \$400 for food it'll be taken away because food isn't a school-related expense."

"I want to go back into the working world and support myself and my family. I don't want some organization to tell me when I can blow my nose."

Welfare officials were unavailable for comment at press time. Their reply will appear in the next edition of *el Don*.



Sher Sowles

Toxic waste

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The bill was passed and sent to the White House despite Senator Jesse Helms of North Carolina, who proposed countless amendments against the "Superfund" and ultimately threatened a filibuster to stop the voting procedure.

According to Peter Harnik, staff writer for the **Environmental Action** magazine in Washington D.C., Helms ironically received contributions from four major chemical companies -- \$1,000 from Republic Steele, \$1,000 from AMOCO, \$1,000 from International Paper and \$600 from Dow Chemical.

The problems at hand are a very dangerous reality. SAC Life Science instructor Richard Bates

feels that "what's been dumped in underground wells years ago is now coming back to haunt us. Do you realize that Orange County has lots of nitrates in its water that could be harmful to infants?"

Peter Weiner, aide to Gov. Brown in charge of toxic substance control, presided over a hearing Nov. 10 to understand the extent of complications pertaining to the Fullerton dump.

Weiner viewed the chemical dilemma in the present as well as the future, saying, "This hazardous waste problem will not go away. People will not stop using chemically made products and if we don't have more sufficient sites, there will be more dumping in sewers. Listen, we can no more tolerate that, than tolerate

environmentally troubled sites." Certainly local citizens are greatly concerned for their health, but another major problem the dump has created is depreciation of the homes surrounding the site.

One house on Tiffany, next to the McColl dump, is valued at \$229,000, yet it has been up for sale since Aug. 1, 1980. A Century 21 realtor handling the home says, "In part the furor over the dump is a problem, but high interest rates and unaffordability to buy are in fact the major reasons for an unsuccessful sale."

In any advanced technological society there will be chemically made products. The question remains, can society dissolve the chemical luxuries it insists on attaining?

Self-defense course for disabled needed

It is a dark and dreary night filled with howling winds and eerie shadows. The naive young girl is oblivious to her surroundings as she trudges down the blackened street in contemplation of life's latest misfortune.

Suddenly she is startled from her reverie by the too-close-for-comfort crunch of a heavy footstep. Whirling to discover from whence it came, she encounters the insane and hatred-filled glare of a depraved stranger. His intent is obvious.

"Don't you dare scream," he growls menacingly, "or I'll cut that pretty little throat of yours."

And with that vision sickeningly etched in the girl's mind and the adrenalin pulsing through her veins, she unexpectedly slams her knee into the attacker's groin and flees to freedom, leaving the psychopath in his misery.

But suppose this young victim had not been able to run to safety. Suppose she was confined to a wheelchair. What could she have done to defend herself?

Those who are in this situation often wonder the same thing, and yet there are few places where handicapped people can go to receive specialized instruction in self-defense.

According to Mary Majors, coordinator of SAC's Disabled Student Center, there are 50 to 60 students in wheelchairs on this campus alone, and many are frightened at the thought of being molested or robbed.

"I feel helpless," admitted SAC student Marie Marshall. "What if someone knocks my wheelchair over? Sick people are attacking everyone."

So why doesn't SAC offer any self-defense classes for these people?

Cal State Long Beach presently has a physical education instructor named Betty Edmondson under its employ who recently taught such a course during Women's Week at Cypress College.

SAC should follow suit and persuade Edmondson or someone with similar qualifications to do the same for those 50 or 60 individuals to face this threat of potential violence.

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Taxpayers deserve to vote for trustee

The death of Ed Taylor has left the RSCCD Board of Trustees with a vacancy to fill and they plan to do so by appointing someone to serve the rest of Taylor's term.

This is wrong. Interim appointments to fill unexpected vacancies are fine if the appointee is to work in another's place for a short time. However, Taylor's term as a Trustee still has approximately one year to run. The people in his district have the right to decide who shall represent them during that year-long span.

This argument has nothing to do with the merits of whomever the Board wishes to appoint in Taylor's place. In fact, this was written before the Board had a chance to nominate anyone to fill Taylor's shoes.

The issue here is whether the people in Taylor's district should be represented by someone elected by voters or appointed by Board members.

A similar case is underway in Los Angeles County, where Board of Education member Bobbi Fiedler resigned her seat three years before her term expired. The Board there, just like here, had planned to appoint someone to serve the remainder of her term. Taxpayers once represented by Fiedler filed a lawsuit asking that the appointment procedure be stopped and a special election be held to determine Fiedler's replacement.

The taxpayers in Taylor's district should have the right -- one they pay dearly for through their property taxes -- to elect a person to represent them. They should not be saddled with a Board appointee they had no voice in choosing.

While a special election would obviously be more costly and time consuming than a quick appointment, the people once represented by Ed Taylor deserve -- and they should demand -- the opportunity to choose his replacement.

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From the Lion's Den

The absurdities of life bring a senseless death

by Pete Maddox
Editor

I was planning on writing a light-hearted column with no specific theme this week. I was in the newsroom Monday night, thinking about what I would write and how I could lift my own spirits by typing an uplifting paper.

Then the news of Lennon's death came and my mood slowly changed from disbelief to sadness. Tuesday was worse as the reality of the situation settled into being. Radio stations were playing Beatles' music and the newer John Lennon albums. I heard so many different news reports of the assassination that there was only one thing I knew was being reported correctly: John Lennon is dead.

Everyone had something to say about the man and his music. Other artists, former Beatles, friends of John Lennon, people in the streets, the President, the President-elect, disc jockeys, the list goes on, all wanted to say something about the genius of his music.

When something like this happens people always want to know, "Why?" But, there is no answer. It just is. That's all that can be said for the reasons behind acts such as this one.

There was no reason for the assassination of John Kennedy or Martin Luther King or Robert Kennedy. Perhaps I should say there was no reason which we will ever understand. I guess the message these individuals carried with them was the basis for their deaths.

John Lennon had hope for the human beings that inhabit this planet. He spoke about the senseless violence that has plagued our country

and world and how he wished people would learn to live together.

Lennon's type of love for fellow humans is often threatening to others because of the implications it carries with it. If we were to live as he prayed we would, there would be no wars and no reason to spend over \$400 million per day on weapons of death. But that will not happen in our lifetime, however short it may be as a result of those weapons.

Many felt the loss of Lennon immediately and others will feel it as time passes. The words he wrote will stand out more now for those who did not follow him and maybe his message will be heard louder as a result of his death. But the message of his death speaks loudest of all.

It speaks of the absurdity of violence and hatred. It tells us once again that we have lost another loving person because we as a species are afraid to love as he did. Instead of enjoying the differences between people, we are threatened by them. We resent others who are not the same as we are. And we kill them.

After we kill them, we publicize the person who committed the act and make that person front page news. "Who is he? What is he like? Why did he do it?" Well, who the hell cares who he is? Forget him. Remember John Lennon, not his assassin.

Lennon's wife Yoko, who had to stand by and witness the gunning-down of her husband, said, "John loved and prayed for the human race. Please do the same for him."

Letters

→ to the Editor

Librarian responds

Last week, your Letters column described an incident in the Library in which a group of students were asked to leave the silent study room; when they objected, the Campus Police were called.

I was the librarian involved in this little affair, and perhaps I can offer a different perspective. Library policy allows students to talk together in one of the reading rooms -- the group study area -- but insists that the students who choose to sit in the silent area respect the rights of others to freedom from unnecessary disturbance.

It seems a fair policy, and most students respect it, since they can decide for themselves the room that best fits their study needs.

Your letter writer, Mr. Chubak, chose to sit in the silent area, and even mentions that he has asked other students around him to be quiet; but apparently he feels that the rules which make this room desirable to him should not be applied to his own behavior.

The librarians whose unpleasant duty it is to enforce these rules when necessary obviously cannot make an exception for Mr. Chubak and his friends. I have spoken to them often in the course of the semester about their repeated consultations among themselves; so often, apparently, that they now no longer listen. On that Tuesday evening, after again asking that they obey the rules they have chosen to benefit from, I decided that I could not continue to allow them to disregard the rights of other students; so I asked, and finally insisted, that they move to the group study area in order to continue studying as a group.

When I returned to see if they had done so, I found them talking excitedly among themselves, their numbers increased and their mood hostile. They refused to leave, and demanded that virtually everyone else in the room be ordered out instead -- "They are all

talking," I was told by a young man pulling my arm and pointing around the room.

This is hardly the kind of thing a college librarian expects to put up with in college student behavior; but when I suggested that I would, if necessary, call the Security officers, one student burst out, "Do not call the Security. If you call the Security, I will kill the Security." This particular hero, I should note, had disappeared by the time the Campus Police arrived.

While I don't believe these students deserve the sympathy, still less the special privilege they ask for, there is a little more to be said. Preserving a quiet study atmosphere that allows for good concentration demands much more effort from the librarians



than it should; and the group study area, to which Mr. Chubak was understandably reluctant to go, is often hopelessly noisy.

Librarians are frequently asked to enforce the rules more strictly by students who find studying difficult. But college students should not need endless policing; they should be capable themselves of internalizing necessary restraints on their own behavior.

By forcing the adult roles on others, rather than assuming them, some students accept a childish, and therefore a subordinate role for themselves. A college degree, without the mature self-mastery it should attest to, will not take its owner very far.

Douglas R. Toohey
Librarian

Replies

Dear Mike Glinskis:

In answer to your letter (el Don, Friday, Dec. 5), perhaps I should have been on the Homecoming Committee. However, I doubt very seriously whether you would have liked my opinion any more if I had been on the panel than you did when you read my column.

If you "didn't see much space used to cover the Halloween Spooktacular of Homecoming Week activities (Nov. 3-7)," it can only be because you didn't read the el Don. Oct. 31, page 2: "SAC students 'dress up' for Halloween Festivities," Nov. 7, page 1: "Homecoming to feature fun, frolic and excitement," Nov. 14, page 1: "Maria Flores Homecoming Queen, 1980."

Mike, I do not question your intentions and am sure you are concerned with providing the students many varied activities. However, asking me to disagree with your programs "before, not after they happen" is as ridiculous as my asking you to disagree with my column before, not after I write it.

Dear James Morley:

Are you implying that goldfish are part of the human food chain? If so, when was the last time you had a bowl of them for breakfast?

The question is not the ecology, it is the entire balance of nature which mankind seems not to worry about much anymore.

You say that killing for sport harms the ecology. Killing for entertainment may not harm the ecology, but it doesn't say much for the intelligence of humans.

You are correct, turkeys are not becoming extinct. But that is only because turkeys are raised on farms in great numbers and slaughtered every year so that we may celebrate the holidays. I didn't make the world, that's just the way it is. But, I feel we should show a little respect for the lives we destroy so that we may live.

I do not mean to imply we should stop eating. I simply said that we should show a little respect.

—Pete Maddox

Faculty Forum

Predictions on Reagan Presidency

by Tom Cooper
Editorial/Copy Editor

President-elect Ronald Reagan will assume office next month and many people are wondering about what kind of President he'll be. To get an idea of what to expect during the next four years, el Don went to SAC's political science instructors for some answers. Taking part in this Faculty Forum were David Hartman, Fred Mabbutt, Gary Teigen and State Senator John Schmitz.



Fred Mabbutt

Scotch and Soda Personally, I think...

by Tom Cooper
Editorial/Copy Editor

My own personal opinion is that the phrase "my own personal opinion" is useless, redundant and has no proper place in either spoken or written usage.

Strike the first six words of the sentence above. It still means the same thing and takes up less space as well.

Someone might ask how an opinion can be construed as an opinion without the writer actually saying it's his opinion. Well, I would think the fact that I wrote it and signed it would make it fairly obvious that it's my opinion.

I could always pop a footnote on the end of the sentence and attribute what I think to some famous author, but famous authors have it made already and don't need any help from me.

If someone feels compelled to make a distinction between his opinion and a statement of fact, what's wrong with plain old "I think?"

Does "My own personal opinion" sound more impressive? What is the difference between one's opinion and one's own opinion? When is opinion not personal? Why does no one ever state one's impersonal, detached opinion?

The use of personal in front of opinion would seem to imply that one has an impersonal opinion and maybe even an inhuman one as well. Do people really think in such an incredibly wide-ranging, versatile manner?

Doctors and lawyers, once they've had the secretary find out the balance in your checking account, are always ready to give people their "professional opinions."

What am I shelling out money for? If I want to hear an amateur opinion I'd ask one of my neighbors. I'm paying for a certain degree of expertise in a field I know nothing about. It goes without saying that I should be hearing a professional opinion unless I specifically request a Tuesday night bowler's league opinion or a backyard barbecuer's opinion.

The use of "personal" as an adverb also seems to be a waste of breath or ink. "Personally, I think..."

Unless one has the capacity to think impersonally and regularly displays it, I can't see any need to warn listeners or readers with a "personally" before using "I think."

People, usually movie stars, always talk about "close personal friends." Is this usage meant to connote some greater degree of intimacy? I suppose someone who feels a need to impress his friends by telling them about his relationship with a celebrity is going to call the famous one "a close personal friend."

This is probably meant to invoke images of the speaker and his famous buddy chatting over drinks by the fireside or belting down a few at the bar they're thinking about buying.

It certainly does connote a greater degree of intimacy than "gas-station-friend" or "bus terminal friend," but it seems redundant to use personal with friend unless one makes a practice of relating to others in a machine-like manner.

The increasing use of personal as an adverb and adjective looks to be a signal that people must convince themselves they are acting as people and not as detached functionaries in a mechanized society, which is rather sad when you think about it.

Reagan has promised to cut taxes, increase defense spending and balance the budget. Will he be able to do so?

Mabbutt: Most conservative Republicans can add and subtract better than President-elect Reagan. Sen Mark Hatfield (R-Ore.), destined to become the chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, can hardly restrain a giggle at Reagan's plan to cut taxes by 30 per cent over a three-year period while increasing defense spending and balancing the budget.

No wonder Reagan's own Vice-President, George Bush, characterized Reagan's plan as "voodoo economics." I'll bow to the Republican critics on this issue, and don't think Reagan's economic ideas are any worse than his belief that trees cause air pollution.

Schmitz: Ronald Reagan can cut taxes if he sets his mind to it. The Senate will go along and the House of Representatives may go along if Ronald Reagan is persuasive with the conservative Democrats. My question is, will he cut taxes the right way?

Defense Spending - He can and he must! The Soviets are ahead of us in all sectors of the military except strike carriers in the Navy. The Soviets are and will be ahead of us militarily until 1984. We can redress the balance only if we begin rearming massively in February, 1981. We must rebuild now as it takes four years before



David Hartman

military equipment can be put into the field.

Balanced Budget - Maybe, but he will run headlong into a fight with the fellow who sets fiscal policy for the United States, Europe and Japan.

Does the United States need to increase defense spending?

Teigen: Yes! You can increase defense spending without entering a new arms race. The United States must increase certain aspects of our defense in order to restore our image as an international power. Anyone who believes the Soviet Union sincerely wants detente and peaceful co-existence has simply not read history.

Hartman: Yes. But I concur only if your inquiry about defense spending refers to tax dollars to be used to defend American lives and property. About military spending; we already spend far beyond our needs. Carter's military budget for 1981 is \$160 billion or about \$440 million daily.

It is incredible to think that Reagan proposes to increase this amount of spending while millions of Americans (hundreds of Californians alone) are in dire need of earthquake, fire and flood protection. Just looking at Italy today should shake our thinking about this matter. Communism?

Heaven help us if our only defense is in the armed forces. Moreover, in a period of

hemorrhaging inflation we should not be cranking up another arms race with the U.S.S.R.

What effect will the Reagan administration have on women's rights?

Schmitz: None, or not much, because women have done harm to themselves by abdicating the women's rights movement to Marxist hothouses like Bella Abzug. Neither Reagan nor I regard the adoption of the ERA as helpful to women's rights. No longer will the White House be used to advance the ERA.

Hartman: Very little, yet I believe that women's rights will yet improve during the '80s. The ERA amendment? It is dead at least for this decade.

Will Reagan change U.S. foreign policy?

Mabbutt: He will, provided events don't change him. I will be watching how conservatives, especially groups like the so-called "Moral Majority" grade him in 1984. I'm optimistic that the larger majority will not grade him a fanatic.

Hartman: There will be little change in American foreign policy under Reagan except for probably more bluster. "In-fighting" on foreign policy within the Republican Party will reduce Reagan's advantage of a Republican Senate. A pragmatic approach to American interests in



Gary Teigen



John Schmitz

foreign countries will be our dominant approach.

What do you perceive as Reagan's greatest strength? His greatest weakness?

Teigen: His strength is in his active-positive character. He has a high positive self-esteem. Within this strength is also a potential weakness. He has the tendency of becoming inflexible. He might not be able to avoid backing himself into a corner in either domestic or foreign policy.

The ultimate success of a President is determined by the people he chooses as advisors. Reagan's greatest strength is his selection of competent advisors and the delegation of watchful responsibilities.

Mabbutt: Reagan's greatest strength is that he seems to recognize his intellectual weakness. I hope he follows the Eisenhower model of the Presidency and surrounds himself with proven authorities in government.

His greatest weakness is that he is an outsider in Washington, D.C. This weakness he shares with Jimmy Carter. The major difference is that Carter understands subjects like nuclear physics (Carter has an M.A.), whereas Reagan's experience is in radio and television. If Reagan can end his administration like a Robert Redford movie, I will consider changing my stripes.

Thank God it's over--or is it?

by Kitty Pavlish
Staff Writer

Some days -- and we all have them -- it just doesn't pay to get up in the morning. Term papers are due, deadlines need to be met and the day holds no promise of enjoyment whatsoever.

On days like this, the trouble begins the second you pry your eyes open.

In peeking at the clock on the antiquated \$5 nightstand beside the bed, you discover that you are already half-an-hour behind schedule.

Frantically you bound from your resting place and make a mad dash for the shower, whereupon a fellow household member -- the one who always spends at least 10 hours a day on personal hygiene -- is occupying the bathroom.

When it's finally your turn, in time-pressed panic you scurry into the stall and synchronize the "hot" and "cold" knobs in a feeble attempt to achieve "warm."

Just when you believe the correct temperature has been mastered, a barrage of rapier-sharp blades pulverizes your back, leaving a trail of scarlet welts in its wake.

Getting revenge is your immediate gut reaction, but since you are late for class, you grudgingly decide to leave the dauntless duel with the demonic showerhead until later.

Resisting the instinct to crawl under the covers and cower for the remainder of the day, you cautiously approach the closet, and in a brief burst of bravery fling the doors wide.

"Sigh! No monsters here, at least," you breathe in

relief and proceed to choose from an over-used array of attire.

Neglecting the fact that a pregnant little beast (generally known as a cockroach - ugh!) gave birth inside your shoe the previous evening, you scamper out the door and head for the trusty contraption that's been transporting you for the past who-knows-how-many-years.

How it remains alive is truly a bafflement to even the most learned of scholars and scientists -- not to mention mechanics -- but why bother to question as its cancer-infested engine (too much second-degree smog, no doubt) chokes into coughing action.

And now for the highlight of the day: **morning traffic!** This point in the a.m. certainly becomes a treasure to store in the memory-banks of your mind as you wind, wheedle, and weave a perilous path through the meatball-strewn spaghetti freeways.

The aesthetic frame of mind of fellow journeymen is assuredly an entity to marvel as well. As a kindly soul shoves you off the entrance rap into an abyss of orange trees, you see his Sweet-n'-Low smile flashing one final sign of early morning cheer and greeting as he tells you to "Have a good day!"

By the time you have walked what feels like 10 million miles (a slight exaggeration perhaps, but nevertheless a valid one under the circumstances) in search of either an emergency phone or a humane being, you are more than ready to obey your natural inclinations of a few hours earlier to cringe beneath the bed. Don't be too discouraged though. As Scarlett O'Hara declared to Rhett Butler as he sauntered out of her life, "Oh well, tomorrow is another day."

And suddenly, from somewhere, you hear the rising RRRRinnnggg of an alarm clock...



EXACTO HAPPY -- Maher Zakhery, SAC art student spend most of his time working on new artistic ideas such as cutting up his almost finished artwork. (Right) On the wall in the Humanities Building, Zak has displayed his latest pieces done with carpet shavings.

(photo by Pete Maddox)

Artist uses carpet shavings to success and paints way

by Laura Lee Mencum
Managing Editor

Approximately five years ago, Maher Zakhery, a SAC art student, had a near-fatal car accident that cost him the use of his legs. As he adjusted to what he hoped would be a temporary situation, the wheelchair-bound man insisted on pursuing his major as a pre-med student.

Time rolled on as did Maher Zakhery's dream of becoming a doctor. Even though he passed the exams for medical school, the Egyptian-born student (now an American citizen) decided to stay with his new love -- art.

"At first, I just wanted to take art classes in my spare time," he said. "Now I can't do biology anymore. I feel like I have to be an artist. I can't be anything else."

On the walls and windows of the Humanities Building, Zak (as his friends call him) has exposed the first step of his new aspiration. The

east wall of the building currently shows a sequence of planet pictures that, from a distance look like paintings. "I like tricks," the artist explained. "Tricks make people more interested."

Stepping closer to the wall of planets, one can see that Zak has used a totally new idea in the world of art. "I shaved carpets, then broke them down into powders," he said. "Nobody's done this before."

Borrowing designs from the solar system, Zak carefully arranged the spectrum of colors onto paper that he had previously handmade out of recycled stock that was naturally dried in the sun.

Each completed 17" x 22" picture on display took seven to eight hours of labor. "I had to wear a mask so I wouldn't inhale the shavings," he mentioned.

But even as a masked man, Zak enjoys art. "I love to just spend 24 hours a day doing art and it doesn't bother me." This, he says, is proof that he has become an artist. "I feel

like I'm there."

The story of Zakhery Maher is just beginning. He has recently been asked to provide a second exhibit of shavings for the Laguna Beach Art Gallery for late December. "My next showing will be landscape pictures," the highly acclaimed artist said. This is already step two.

Directly above the electric doors in the Humanities Building that Zak so often uses, is another unique design of his called "The Floating Lady." "David Borland helped me with this," Zak said.

"By having a good teacher, I believe you can be a good student," he said. "I give credit to all my teachers, especially (art teachers) Mayde Herberg and Patrick Crabb."

Though he graciously offers the credit to his instructor-friends, the ability to be an artist is in Zakhery's hands.

Dr. Maher Zakhery is in the past. Zak the Artist is now. "This is the best accident I ever had."

Conversational writer promotes skills to enhance communication

by Alice Casbara
Entertainment Editor

"When we were in grade school, we were taught reading, writing and math," says former SAC instructor Alan Garner. "But no one ever taught us how to communicate effectively."

Garner, author of **Conversationally Speaking**, which is used by 5,000 therapists, has taught communication skills for two and a half years at many colleges and universities. Last Friday in the faculty study, Garner taught 30 people how to improve their conversations by having them actively participate in each skill.

Ever try to make pleasant

discourse with someone and you wind up sounding like a private investigator instead? For example, there you are walking to your next class and a friend you haven't seen all year says hello.

"Hi! How have you been?" you say.

"Fine," he replies.

"What are your classes like, good or bad?"

"Good."

"Do you work, too?"

"Yes."

"Do you still live in Santa Ana?"

"Yeah."

At this point, you find yourself running out of questions and your friend is antsy to leave. So you say your good-byes and leave unsatisfied thinking, "Boy, that guy is boring."

As Garner teaches, most conversations that go nowhere are the result of "close-ended questions." Such close-ended queries are like true-false or multiple-choice questions in that they request only a one or two-word reply.

"Close-ended questions usually begin with the words 'are,' 'do,' 'who,' 'when,' 'where' and 'which,'" Garner explains. "You must follow your close-ended question with an 'open-ended' question. Those questions usually begin with the words 'why,' 'how' and 'in what way.'"

"Open-ended questions let the other person elaborate and explain the details, thus the person knows you want to know more," he added.

Self-disclosure is another step in improving communication in relationships. According to Garner, there are four levels: clichés (which open and close the lines of communication), facts (what you are), opinions (what you think) and feelings (who you really are inside).

Garner's book includes many of these types of suggestions and examples. His next seminar, "Training for Greater Social Effectiveness," is scheduled for tomorrow at 9 a.m. in D-101.

"Talk interestingly. Be specific and talk about yourself in situations," Garner adds. "Let people get to know you. Once they know you they will care about you."



"CONVERSATIONALLY SPEAKING" -- Alan Garner, part-time instructor on leave from SAC, teaches students of his seminar how to ask open-ended questions and speak interestingly.

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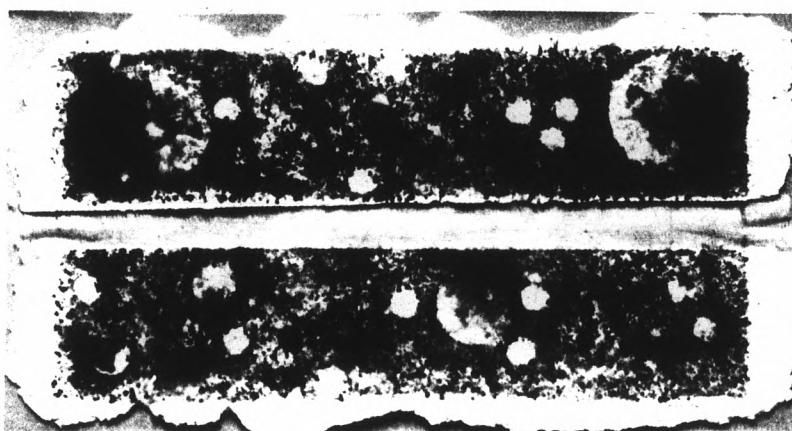


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John Lennon: 1940 - 1980

Lennon: Hero of rock generation slain by fanatical gunman

by Julie Michael
Staff Writer

Bulletin ...
Shortly before 11 p.m. (EST),
John Lennon was shot...
He died soon after arriving at
the hospital...
Lennon, a former Beatle...

The news droned on. Many thought there had been a mistake. New York City telephone lines were jammed as people attempted to discover the facts. But the shocking reports were true.

At age 40, John Lennon was murdered outside his apartment building Monday night by a man who had been stalking him for several days. The assassin proudly confessed, and was arrested immediately.

Lennon once said that he wanted to be taken humorously. "All the serious people -- Martin

You may say I'm a dreamer,
But I'm not the only one.
I hope some day you'll
join us.
And the world will live as
one.

"Imagine"
John Lennon

Luther King, the Kennedys, Gandhi -- got shot." He wanted everyone to realize that violence had never solved anything. Love was the only way to achieve the ultimate goal of peace. Lennon believed this, and spent half his life trying to encourage others to join him.

Through his lyrics, he spoke for many -- people believed in Lennon's words. Ironically, he didn't believe in capital punishment -- he felt that a murderer should be pitied and cared for mentally, not put to death.

That attitude will be hard for many to take -- revenge is the normal human reaction. But everyone should consider the statement made by John's wife, Yoko Ono, after the murder: "John loved and prayed for the world, would you please do the same for him?"

The dream is over,
What can I say?
And so dear friends,
You'll just have to carry
on.

"God"
John Lennon



The Christmas Sky

Tessmann Planetarium's latest presentation, "The Christmas Sky," explores the world of stars and examines the history of ancient astronomers and their work.

According to assistant planetarium director John Goerger the show also defines the star of Bethlehem which appeared in the sky when Jesus was born.

"The star behaved in a way no other star did," says Goerger. "I personally think that more people care about the star itself rather than what it symbolizes."

Directed by SAC instructor Steven Eastmond, the show will run until Jan. 17.

Dance Co. accepts instructor

by Alice Casbara
Entertainment Editor



Laura Pope

Thirty dancers demonstrate jumping and leaping phrases to the modern dance company's at an audition. Only one will be chosen.

SAC dance instructor Laura Pope was recently the one accepted to Orange County's Gloria Newman Dance Theatre. A company which performs at theatres and colleges throughout the country, Newman works with a maximum of 10 primarily ballet trained dancers.

"I really like her work," says Pope. "I'd consider being with the company at least a couple of years."

Pope, who teaches ballet, modern and tap, says each dancer

rehearses 16 to 20 hours a week. But this kind of work isn't new to her. She has taken part in numerous productions, summer stocks and musicals which include working with the famed Ann Miller in *Panama Holly*.

"I've been dancing since I was four years old," Pope states. With that many years of skill and experience, it is obvious this Pope enjoys her position.

Klip it, keep it

<p>December 13 Los Angeles Garment District (Phillips Hall 8:30 am - 5 pm)</p> <p>"Holiday Survival For Singles" (D-101 9 am - 5 pm)</p> <p>Training For Greater Social Effectiveness (D-101 9 am - 5 pm)</p> <p>"Relationships" (C-104 9 to noon)</p> <p>December 15 "How To Find Yourself A First-Rate Employer" (LAC-104 10-noon)</p> <p>December 16 "It's Your Choice - How To's Of Decision-Making Skills" (LAC-104 10-noon)</p> <p>"If Life Is A Bowl Of Cherries, What Am I Doing In The Pits?" (Faculty Study 5:30 - 7 pm)</p> <p>Christmas Show and Sale (SAC Art Gallery)</p>	<p>"The Changing Roles Of Men and Women In A Traditional World" (D-213 12:30-2:30 pm)</p> <p>December 17 "Body Workshop" (Faculty Study 12:30 - 2:30 pm)</p> <p>December 19 Choral Concert with Larry Ball (Phillips Hall 8 pm)</p> <p>January 6 School Shows (Tessmann Planetarium 11 am)</p> <p>"Traditional Roles Men and Women Play" (D-213 12:30-2:30 pm)</p> <p>January 7 "It's Your Choice" (Faculty Study 12:30-2:30 pm)</p> <p>"Family Communication Skills" (Faculty Study 5:30-7 pm)</p> <p>January 9 Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra (Phillips Hall 6 pm)</p>
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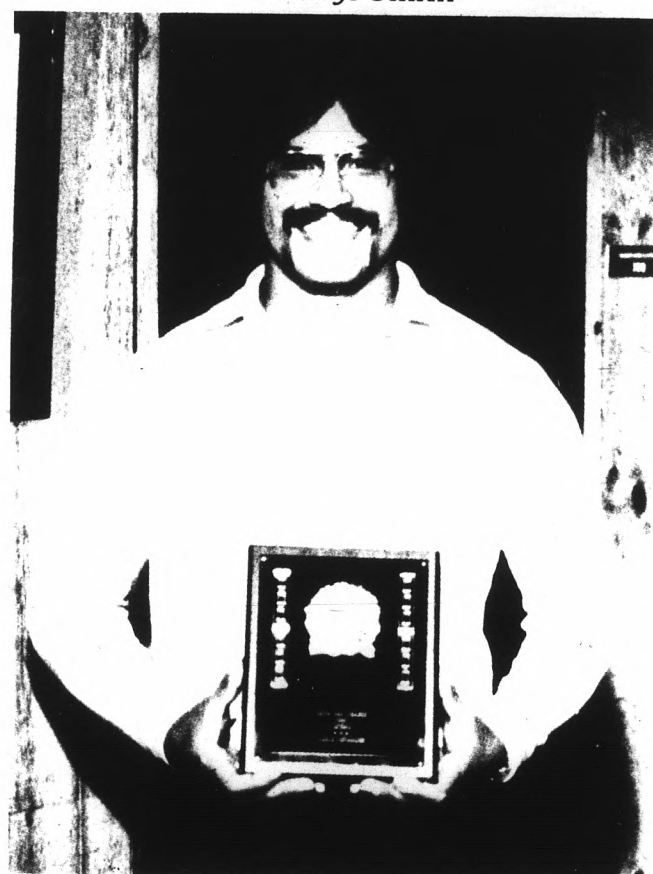
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Don grid best honored in annual SAC banquet

Most end-of-the-season award banquets are meaningless parades of statistical data everybody has heard before.

But when those awards come from the heart, and don't just take numbers as the sole consideration, suddenly the dinners have a meaning.

Such was the case Tuesday night when Santa Ana College honored those involved with this year's football program at the Santa Ana Athletic Club.

Tailback Darryl Smith won the top prize at Tuesday's event, being named "Don of the Year." Here are his impressive credentials:

- Named to the South Coast Conference all-star team, two straight years
- Top two-year rushing, 1,783 (Santa Ana College Record)
- Led South Coast Conference in rushing last two years
- Led SCC in all-purpose running last two years
- Led SCC in scoring, 1980

Santa Ana coach Tim Mills, in a glowing tribute to his star, said Smith has impressed him not only as an athlete, but as a human being as well.

"The thing that makes me the most proud is the fact that he had problems, but he got up and tried again," a reflective Mills said. "Not just as a football player, but as a human being, a citizen and as a man."

Smith is now the most-recruited and sought after tailback in community college football and he knows his years were not wasted attending a junior college. "It has just been a real pleasure," Smith commented, "and I have learned a hell of a lot. It's time for me to go now, but I've enjoyed it here."

Defensive lineman Bob Gogatz received the Hal Tucker award that could be best described as the most dedicated player. "It usually goes to a non-starter," said presenter Rich James (linebacker coach), "because of the adjustment a player has to make from going from high school star to backup player. Bobby handled this very well."

Offensive linemen Mike Gnesda and Terry Tucker took Most Improved Offense and Most Inspirational respectively. Tucker was also named All-SCC tight end.

Most Improved on Defense was sophomore Ernie Fisher. A switch in positions not only gave Fisher the chance to intercept five passes and be named to the All-SCC second team as a defensive back, but he also helped SAC finish second in SCC team defense.

Defensive linemen Darryl Harris and Jesse Hernandez, both second team All-Conference picks, were each named team captains.

Two Don record setters, Steve Brown (125 pass completions for a new SAC mark) and Charlie Packard (eight field goals including a record 52-yarder) each received Coach's awards for their part in the Dons 6-3-1 season of 1980.

Dons gain a new conference, but schedule may lose its sting

by Dave Cooper
Sports Editor

Money, not overall balance, was the key, but Santa Ana College has finally got its wish.

Effective in 1981, the Dons will no longer compete as a member of the South Coast Conference in football. Instead they will be part of a new-look Mission Conference. Faced with declining enrollment of local high schools, this is what SAC had wanted all along, particularly coach Tim Mills.

"I think that this is something that we need," Mills commented on the plan that now puts them in league with Saddleback, Riverside, Palomar, San Diego City, Southwestern and Citrus. "I did some comparing and Mt. SAC has 60,000 students to draw from (of high schools within that district) while we've got 15,000."

SAC will still compete against its traditional rivals of the SCC in all other major sports. Golden West will assume SAC's place in the SCC for football.

One of the goals, according to the (Community College) Commission on Athletics, sponsor of the plan, was to "...provide, in most cases, a better balance of competition within a conference." However, the bottom line seems to be the never-ending money problems that first high schools' sports and now community colleges are faced with.

For example, to offset the major areas where monetary losses are being felt, the COA has created a revamped Southern California Conference that is essentially an all Los Angeles league.

"These schools (Compton, East L.A., L.A. City, L.A. Harbor, L.A. Southwest, Rio Hondo and West L.A.) are all having a real budget crunch, so this helped their financial problem," SAC Athletic Director Doug Gorrie explained of the Commission's thinking.

Ironically though, while SAC will now be more evenly paired with comparably-sized schools, their own money problems may increase with smaller home crowds for its gridiron contests.

According to Mills, attendance was down 50 percent from a year ago. Now averaging only 3,000 fans per game in 1980, no one seems to know what the Dons will be able to draw with Citrus and Saddleback being the only two name schools in the conference.

The problem though, Mills believes, is the lack of a local daily newspaper that gives extensive coverage to the Dons and J.C. football, and not the relative strength or weakness of the schedule.

Whatever the case, SAC has lost its biggest draw in arch rival Fullerton who remained in the South Coast Conference. However, the Dons can schedule them as a non-league opponent, something Mills would like to see.

"We want to play them and continue the rivalry. If there isn't a game it's not because we don't want to play them," Mills remarked on continuing the annual Don-Hornet battles. "I would be very disappointed if they (Fullerton) decided not to play us."

Both the head football coach and the A.D. think that Mission Conference football will be as exciting and

competitive though both admit that it is still too early to tell for sure.

"Palomar is in North San Diego and that area is growing, so more people are going there. Citrus is always in the thick of things and San Diego City is rebuilding (well)," Gorrie evaluated, adding, "It isn't going to be a shoo-in (for the Dons)."

Mission Bowl winner Saddleback won the title this year with a 5-1 league record and finished 9-1 in the regular season, while maintaining a solid No. 6 ranking in the weekly poll conducted by the JC Athletic Bureau.

"On a one-game basis," Mills remarked, "any team in this (Mission) conference can play any other team in any other conference. Over the long haul it's hard to say though."

The one dissenting note struck though is the tradition the Dons have lost, something that Gorrie views with regret.

"I look at it with mixed emotions," Gorrie said reflectively. "On one hand the South Coast Conference was a great football league and that tradition is gone. We are going to miss that spice that it added to the season." Gorrie went on to state, though, that he understands the need for change.

"Times do change and so do enrollment patterns and districts in general. We have to accept the fact that it has been difficult to compete."

So SAC ends its career in the SCC with a 32-44 cumulative record and now looks forward to making some moves as they attempt to reverse that record as a member of the Mission Conference.



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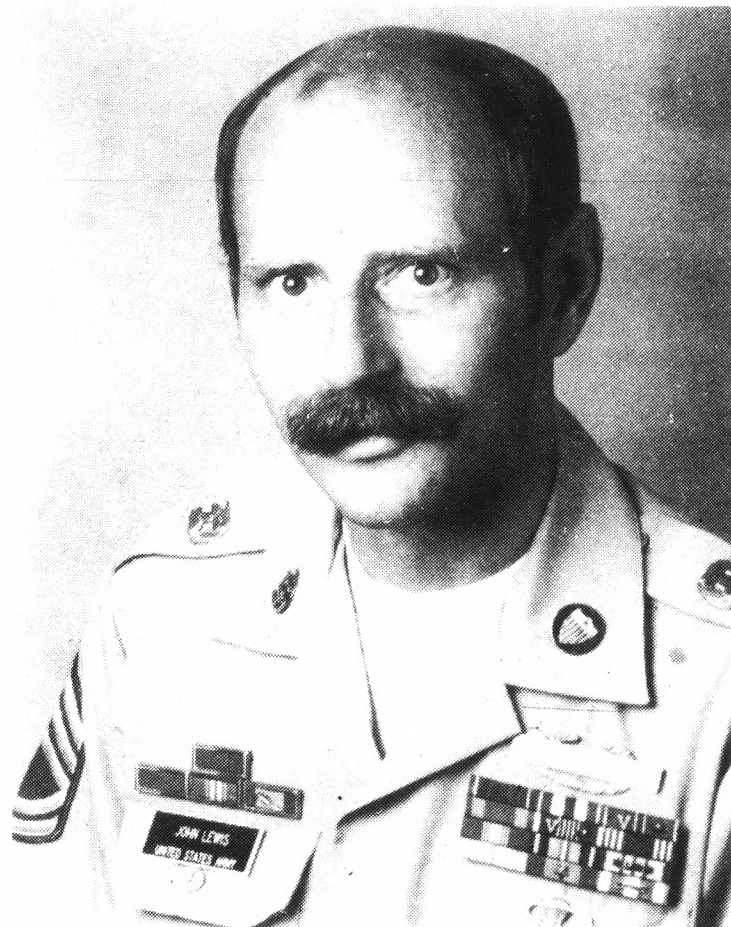
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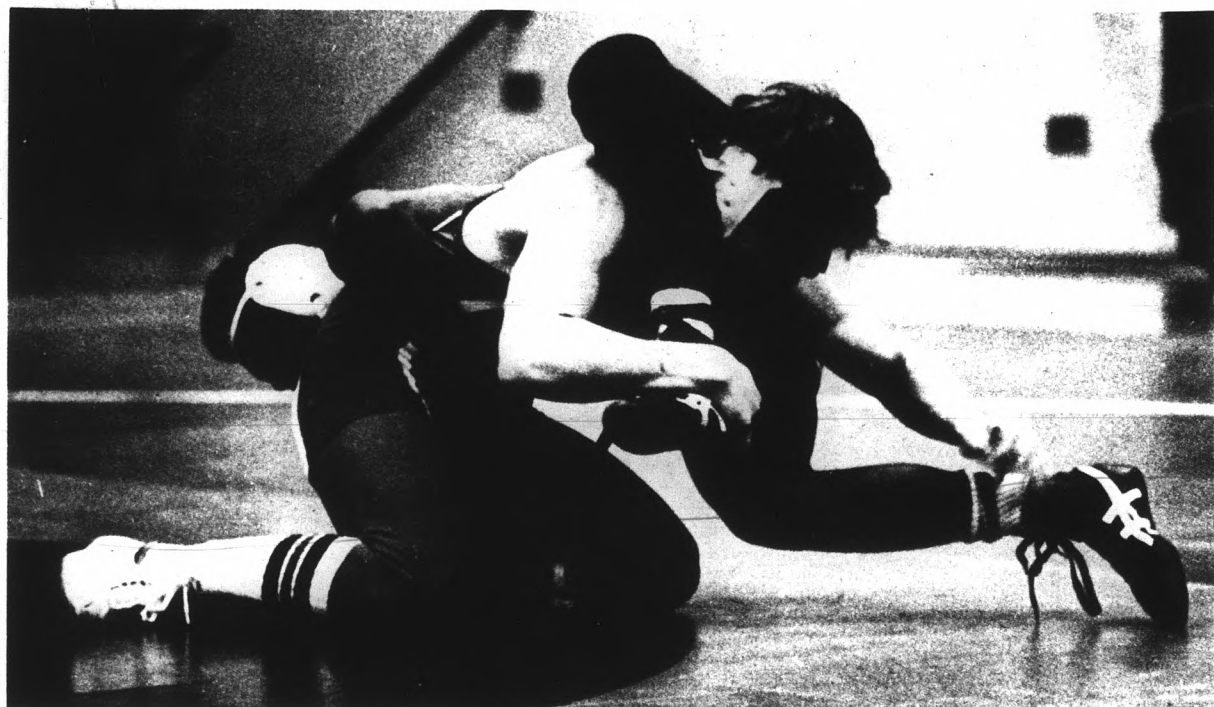
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HEAD OVER HEELS -- Tony Coppinger wrestles against a Moorpark opponent in recent

SAC wrestling action.

(photo by Mike Schwartz)

Sophomores injured; coach looks to youth

by Mike Kroll
Staff Writer

The SAC wrestling team finished its pre-conference tune-up last week with a pair of tournaments.

In the first, which took place Wednesday, Dec. 3, the SAC squad hosted their own tournament. The group picked up valuable experience on their way to a victory against Chaffey College, their only win in three matches.

The second tournament that the SAC grapplers attended took place Saturday at Cuesta College. Although the squad did not pick up any wins at Cuesta, coach Dave Alexander cited freshman Tony Coppinger as a stand-out in the competition.

Even though the team did not fare too well in these tournaments, Alexander is optimistic about his squad's future in South Coast Conference competition.

The coach explained that the main problem facing the team is a lack of experience. "We're wrestling all freshmen. We're not using one sophomore right now," explained the grappling instructor.

There are only two sophomores on the squad this year, including last year's league champion Joe Casias. Both sophomores are currently on the injured list.

Gal(l)a celebration for Don cagers in Lancaster

Foul-out became standout.

SAC basketball forward Jim Galla was having his problems what with turnovers and other miscues and had trouble staying in games without fouling out. He was ejected from SAC's lone home game against College of the Desert Nov. 22, he fouled out in all of SAC's Valley of the Sun Classic games and in his first two games in the recent Antelope Valley Tournament Dec. 3-6.

Finally he managed to stay in a game, and then two, as Santa Ana captured the Consolation Crown of the Antelope tourney in thrilling come-from-behind fashion.

It was Galla who propelled the Dons to the win in the finals against West Hills. Trailing by three with only 0:48 left in the game, Galla went to work.

First the 6-9 Santa Ana High graduate hit on a short jumper to pull the Dons within one. Then after seven-foot center Steve Frederick blocked a West Hills shot, Galla muscled the ball inside where he was fouled with seven seconds remaining. "Jimmy G," as he is called by his teammates, calmly sank his two opportunities to give SAC the lead by the final 77-76 score.

Calmly might not be the proper word though because Galla was shooting just better than 50 percent from the line.

As a team, though, the Dons can consider themselves lucky to be 5-4. As a unit they headed to Lancaster with a .448 shooting mark from the field and they couldn't even match that at Antelope Valley, shooting below 40 per cent.

"I figured we would start slow," Coach Rolland Todd was quoted recently. "I am still confident that we have a fine team."

The Dons are also having problems handling the ball and making the transition from offense to defense after a bucket. Opposing teams' backcourt press has given the Dons fits, but Todd feels the Dons can solve it.

"Breaking the press is just a matter of making that one proper pass," Todd remarked. The coach feels once all the players become acclimated to each others' style of play the Dons can contend and probably play with anybody.

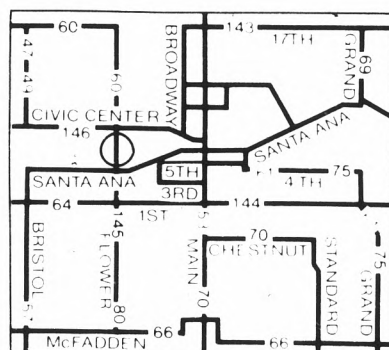
SAC now continues its exhausting "tournament month" with trips to San Jose and Modesto the next two weekends. Thursday the Dons opened with Diablo Valley up north, but results were not available at press time.

On Dec. 17, SAC opens the Modesto Tournament by playing Columbia, Wash.

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